

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A utility bag having a vertically stacked/closed position and a horizontally unfolded/opened position, comprising:

three or more compartments comprising a lower, middle, and upper compartment each having a bottom and an opening, each of the three or more compartments connected to another of the three or more compartments by an articulation segment,

wherein the utility bag has a stacked position, the three or more compartments being vertically arranged on top of one another with the lower compartment's opening facing upward, the middle compartment's opening facing downward, and the upper compartment's opening facing upward when the utility bag is in the vertically/stacked closed position,

the upper compartment having a lid portion selectively covering its opening, the lid portion having a central handle for carrying the utility bag when it is in its vertically stacked/closed position and for moving the utility bag's compartments from the vertically stacked/closed position to the horizontally unfolded/opened position;

the bag being moveable from the vertically stacked/closed position to the horizontally unfolded/opened position by moving the upper compartment sideways and downward via the central handle of its lid portion;

the upper compartment's opening still facing upward as the utility bag is moved from the vertically stacked/closed position to the horizontally

unfolded/opened position by moving the upper compartment sideways and downward;

first and second articulation segments on opposite sides of the bag when the utility bag is in the vertically stacked/closed position;

the first articulation segment connecting the upper compartment to the middle compartment along an edge between the upper compartment's bottom and the middle compartment's bottom;

the second articulation segment connecting the middle compartment to the lower compartment along an edge that is located between the middle compartment's opening and the lower compartment's opening;

wherein the lower compartment's opening remains facing upward and the middle compartment's opening rotates from facing downward to facing upward as the utility bag is moved from the vertically stacked/closed position to the horizontally unfolded/opened position by moving the upper compartment sideways and downward via the central handle of its lid portion;

and wherein the utility bag has an opened position, the three or more compartments being horizontally side-by-side with their openings facing upward when the utility bag is in the horizontally unfolded/opened position.

2. Canceled

3. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim 1, wherein each of the three or more compartments comprises:

two lengthwise sides; and

two end sides, wherein at least one of the lengthwise sides of at least one of the three ~~or more~~ compartments has at least one external pocket.

4-5 Canceled

6. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim 1, wherein at least one of the three ~~or more~~ compartments comprises a removable plastic liner.

7. (original) The utility bag of claim 6, wherein the removable plastic liner is attachable by a hook-and-loop fastener.

8. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim 1, wherein at least one of the three ~~or more~~ compartments has an external mesh pocket.

9. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim 1, further comprising an ~~adjustable-strap removably-secured~~ to the utility bag when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

10. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim 1, further comprising a zipper to secure two of the three ~~or more~~ compartments when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

11 Canceled

12. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim ~~411~~, wherein the ~~uppermost-upper~~ compartment has an internal pocket, the internal pocket made

of mesh material.

13. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim ~~441~~, wherein the ~~uppermost-upper~~ compartment has an internal strap for securing a stowed item.

14. Canceled

15. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim ~~441~~, wherein the ~~first lower~~ compartment comprises a first separator flap securing an interior of the ~~first lower~~ compartment.

16. (original) The utility bag of claim 15, wherein the first separator flap comprises a pocket for stowage of one or more items.

17. (currently amended) The utility bag of claim ~~441~~, wherein the ~~second-middle~~ compartment comprises a separator flap securing an interior of the ~~second-middle~~ compartment.

18-32 Canceled